

THE MCGOY LYNCHING CASE

Jury Finds He Was Strangled by Persons Unknown.

POLICE DEFENDED THE LAW

Mob Too Formidable to Successfully Resist—Autopsy Showed Negro's Neck Not Broken—He Was Choked to Death—Mr. Lacey Threatened His House Guarded.

Alexander, Va., April 24.—The jury in the coroner's inquest held here last night over the body of Joseph H. McCoy, the negro who was lynched here yesterday after confessing an assault upon the three little daughters of R. A. Lacey, found that the deceased had come to his death by strangulation at the hands of a person or persons unknown. The verdict further stated that from the evidence brought before them the jury were convinced that the police in charge of the prison had done all that was possible to keep him out of the hands of the mob. The inquest was held in the undertaking establishment of J. Deane & Sons, on King street, near Alfred, Coroner Purvis presiding.

Commonwealth's Attorney Leonard Marbury was present, and closely interrogated the witnesses to see if evidence could be secured upon which any person or persons could be held for complicity in the lynching.

About a dozen witnesses of the affair were examined, but they were all unanimous in testifying that they did not recognize anyone in the mob. All the evidence also tended to show that the police and sheriff had done all that was possible to protect the prisoner.

The jury, which was impaneled yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, consisted of Louis Pratt, foreman; C. J. W. Summers, Louis Bennett, Charles Smith, E. Ward, Jr., and W. L. Allen. The inquest began at 7 o'clock.

The first witness examined was Dr. William M. Smith. He testified to having performed an autopsy on McCoy. His death had resulted from strangulation. There was a burn on his face as if from a candle or lamp, and it was considerably swollen. There was a large open wound just above his forehead and a contusion on the back of his head.

Witness had cut away the flesh from the skull and found no fractures beneath these injuries. There were also three gunshot wounds on the left side of his breast. None of these wounds was sufficient to cause death.

Dr. Snowden, who performed the autopsy with Dr. Smith, gave substantially the same evidence. He further said that he had found evidence of a contusion on the victim. McCoy's neck was not broken.

Lieut. Smith, who commanded the squad of police, testified to the facts as told in The Times of yesterday. The first attack upon his station, he said, was between 11 and 12 o'clock at night. He spoke to the crowd, telling them that he and his men would do all in their power to protect their man, and that he was sure the prisoner would be hung for the rest of the night.

When the mob returned at 1 o'clock he fought as long as he could, but was overpowered by numbers and borne outside the station-house.

He did not recognize anyone in the crowd, the witness said, in response to a question from Commonwealth's Attorney Marbury.

Robert Knight, the next witness, testified that he was in the station when the first assault was made. Four men, who gave their names as Frank Spinks, J. W. Francis, Charles Arnold, and Ford Knight, came into the station with the crowd, and were placed under arrest.

Afterward ordered on their promise to leave the station and stay there for the rest of the night.

"Could they not have been pushed into the station by the crowd without any intention on their part of participating in the attack?" asked Commonwealth's Attorney Marbury.

"Very much," was the reply. William Beckman was also in the station when the attacks were made. His testimony added no new facts to the evidence.

"Did it appear to you that the police did all that they could to repel the crowd?" Foreman Pratt asked.

"Yes, sir," the witness answered. "I do not think any band of men could have withstood that crowd a minute longer, and if their number had been tripled the result would have been the same."

Pollman Lykes was one of the officers detailed for duty in the station Thursday night.

In answer to a question from Foreman Pratt, he said that he thought a large number of persons in the crowd which made the attack were strangers in Alexandria.

John H. Strider testified that he, an Alexandria representative of The Washington Times, was in the station-house on the night in question; saw both attacks and followed the crowd to the corner of Lee and Cameron streets, where the prisoner was hanged. He could not recognize a single face.

Foreman Pratt: "Don't you think that the rioters were strangers in town and came here for the purpose of lynching McCoy?"

"I couldn't say."

Constable Webster, who followed, said that he was in the station-house when the mob broke in and captured one of them. The man was a total stranger to him.

He couldn't recognize any faces, but was certain that at least two of the crowd who took the prisoner out were strangers.

Several other witnesses testified to the same facts as given above, and the case was turned over to the jury. They found the verdict as given after less than five minutes' deliberation.

All Alexandria was still in a state of ferment last night, and it would have required very little to precipitate a race war.

Yesterday, Mr. Lacey received several anonymous letters, stating that the colored people intended to burn down his house, and kill his family. This news was noised about town, and was all that was needed to complete the excitement among the white population.

Mr. Lacey was much alarmed, and his fear was heightened when about 9 o'clock he noticed a colored man prowling in his yard, whose actions warranted the suspicion that he was an incendiary. He telephoned an alarm to the police station, and the case was turned over to the jury. They found the verdict as given after less than five minutes' deliberation.

TO PREVENT MORE LYNCHING.

Officers Have Concealed Mrs. Riedel's Assault.

Alexandria, Va., April 24.—The negro Lewis, who was held in the Fairfax Court house, and charged with assault upon Mrs. Riedel, was last night taken from his cell and concealed somewhere in the county by Sheriff Morgan, who feared that the citizens, inflamed by the news of the Alexandria lynching, would break into the jail and execute the prisoner.

At the time there were about fifty people in the vicinity of the building, who were more steadily arriving. It was rumored that a mob of men and boys was on its way from Alexandria, purposing to take summary vengeance on the negro.

No stratagem had up to that time been made, but the sheriff thought it best to be on the safe side, and therefore removed the prisoner to a place of safety.

Up to a late hour, however, nothing definite regarding Lewis' whereabouts could be learned. It was rumored that he had been taken to the depot to take him from the hands of the officials who were supposed to have him in charge and lynch him. Mayor Thompson heard of the rumor and ordered out the light infantry.

About 1 o'clock this morning the knots of men who had the streets throughout the evening began to disperse, and everything settled down into quiet again.

DIVORCE GRANTED MRS. RUSH.
Her Title to Certain Property Confirmed by the Court.

Justice Hagner, presiding in equity court No. 2, yesterday granted a decree to Mary E. Rush, nee Fieles, divorcing her from her husband, Giles C. Rush, who had willfully abandoned her more than two years ago.

Mrs. C. Rush married Mary E. Fieles in Baltimore on the 18th day of December, 1884. Two children were born to them, but both died in infancy.

They lived together in Alexandria until September, 1886, when, as she alleged, he willfully abandoned her and refused thereafter to support her.

The wife declared in her petition that the greater part of their property, including the premises known as No. 1406 S street northwest, and her own money, but that she had the real estate was made in his name. Subsequently it was recovered to her, and she has ever since exercised sole control, but that, at her husband's instance, the property was conveyed to a deed of trust in favor of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, to secure the payment of \$3,300, the interest thereon having been paid by her.

The petitioner asked that her title to the property should be confirmed and that she be divorced, with the right to sue and control the real estate, subject to the trust. The court so decreed.

BEATING HOTELS HIS FORT.
C. R. Monroe Badly Wanted by the Washington Police.

C. R. Monroe, who claims to be a drummer, and who makes a practice of stopping at first-class hotels and living in regal style without paying any board, is badly wanted by the Washington police and the authorities of several Southern cities.

Monroe's game is an old one and he failed to swindle the local hostesses to any great extent.

The man appeared here several days ago and registered at a well-known avenue hotel. He tendered the clerk a baggage check and asked that his trunk be sent up from the station at once. Investigation developed the fact that the trunk was the property of a hotelier in the South, who had been deposited with a stakeholder. Ready with \$150 and a P. O. check, he took his trunk.

He is in splendid condition, and looks ruddy and healthy. If he wins from Ready he expects to get on a match with George Green, who is known as "Young Corbett."

Underwriters' Share Hike.
The Association of Fire Underwriters of the District of Columbia will give its annual planked-shad dinner at Marshall Hall today. The shad will be served at the Seventh street wharf at 2 o'clock sharp.

The dinner of this prominent association is a great feature of the Hall annually during the season. Henry E. Gauthier, the chairman, has the honor of the shad dinner. This is the first time that it has been held in this direction. Prominent men in insurance and other lines of business closely connected with it will make short addresses after dinner. All guests are invited.

The dinner will be a most successful one, and the members of the association before dinner. A game of basketball will be played between the association and the team of the Washington Athletic Club.

Look Out for Your Weeds.
Four burglars were reported at police headquarters yesterday. Arthur S. Brown left his machine near the corner of Twelfth and E streets about midnight on Thursday, and when he returned it had disappeared. Robert Pollock neglected to lock his wheel when he went to a luncheon last night, and a thief secured it. Henry E. Gauthier, the chairman, has the honor of the shad dinner. This is the first time that it has been held in this direction. Prominent men in insurance and other lines of business closely connected with it will make short addresses after dinner. All guests are invited.

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The World of Business.

Wall Street Yesterday.

New York, April 23.—Today's stock market

was inactive to a degree, approaching

stagnation. Fluctuations were irregular

and as a rule exceedingly narrow. As on

many occasions of late, the market

was vacillating between a desire to

advance and a desire to retreat. There

was no evidence that professional operators

above that grade took any active interest

in the almost lifeless speculation. The

room traders professed to be influenced

in their small operations by the news

from the front which they collected the

way to the front, but as a matter of

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